

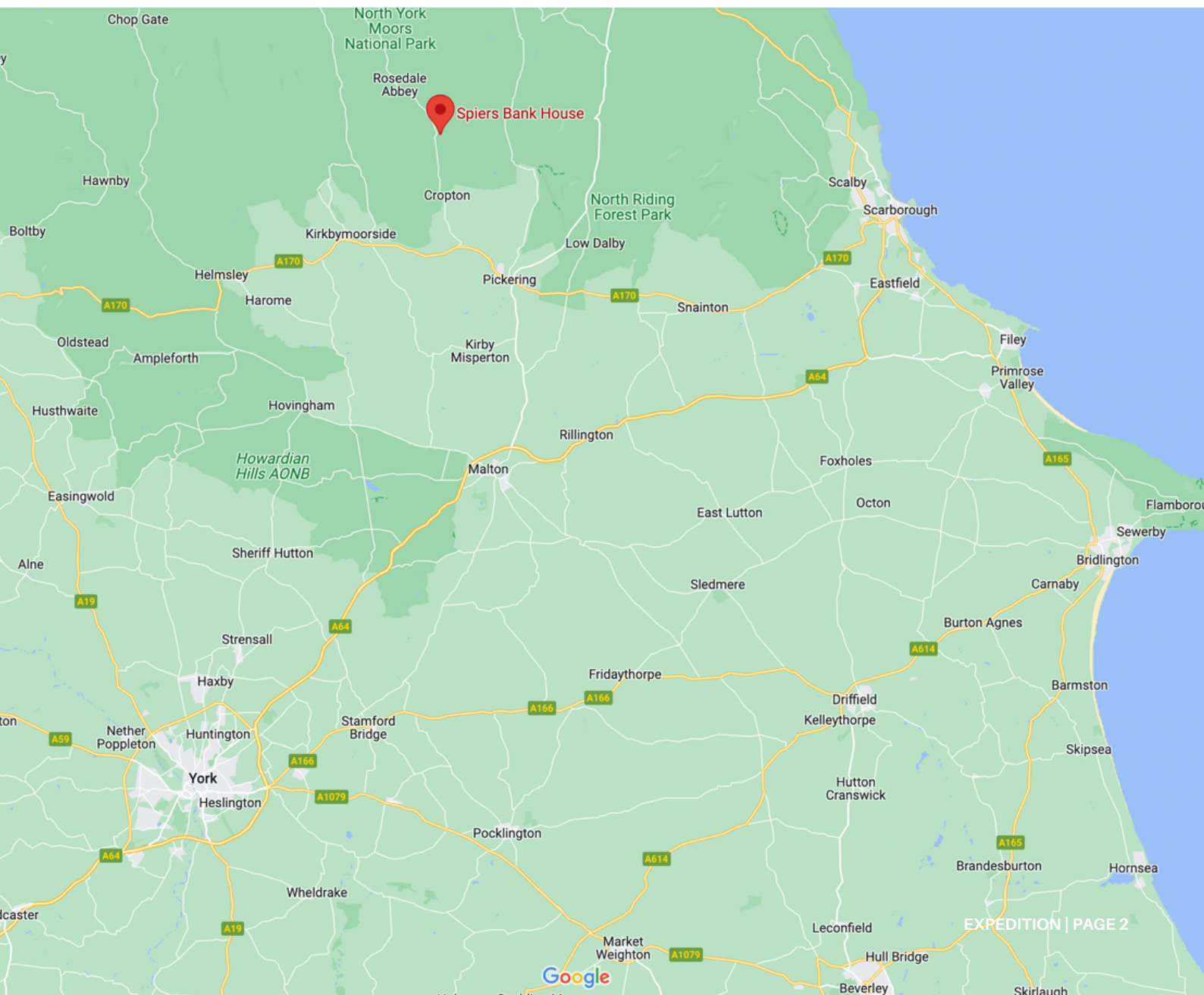
SPIERS BANK HOUSE RESIDENTIAL CENTRE

WHAT IS IT?

Nestled in a stunning location within Cropton Forest on the edge of Pickering and the North Yorkshire Moors Spiers Bank House is a unique residential centre, which presents a range of opportunities for educational use.

The centre has offered the students of Driffield School the opportunity to engage in memorable experiences for many years and following the impact that the pandemic has had on our schools we are seeking to reopen the centre for use by the Trust schools so that they can provide bespoke opportunities for experiential learning and personal development.

WHERE IS IT?



FACILITIES

Spiers Bank House includes self-catering accommodation for 26 people in a mixture of small dormitories and double rooms.

The site consists of three centrally heated buildings, two containing dormitories and bedrooms, toilets and washing facilities. The third building is a cookhouse which contains 3 cooking stations, twin ovens and seating space for 30 adults. In addition there are two large fridges, a fridge freezer and a BBQ.

The site includes two large open spaces of grassland which offer the chance for a wide range of outdoor activities, team building exercises and ball games.

The nearby stream and surrounding woodland are also available for groups to explore and enjoy.



PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

A cornerstone of Spiers Bank House provision has always centred upon its use pastorally as part of Drifffield Schools personal development curriculum.

All Year 7 students get the opportunity to spend time at the centre with their tutor group, building positive relationships with one another and their tutors and other staff. From team building activities in the grounds of the centre and walks in the surrounding area to den building in the forest, our students have always enjoyed the enrichment that a visit to Spiers Bank offers. If transport is available Pickering, Dalby Forest and Goathland are a short drive away with access to the many activities they offer.

The Centre also offers the opportunity for away day, or residential use for the development of student leadership. We have traditionally used the centre to facilitate a period of time with the Sixth Form Student Union and school student leadership team. This has afforded the opportunity to build ethos in new teams and has provided time to draw up plans for the future.



NEARBY



MALLYAN SPOUT WATERFALL

Mallyan Spout is a picturesque waterfall in the North York Moors village of Goathland. The water tumbles over a 70-foot drop on West Beck, reached by a path behind the Mallyan Spout Hotel. The scenic falls became a major draw for Victorian visitors to the North York Moors, long before Goathland became famous as the setting for the Heartbeat television series.

West Beck rises in the moorland above Goathland, fed by several springs. The beck runs into New Wath Scar, a steep-sided ravine carved out of the sandstone by the action of water over thousands of years.



RIEVAULX ABBEY

Rievaulx Abbey was a Cistercian abbey in Rievaulx, situated near Helmsley in the North York Moors National Park, North Yorkshire, England. It was one of the great abbeys in England until it was seized under Henry VIII of England in 1538 during the dissolution of the monasteries.

The striking ruins of its main buildings are a tourist attraction, owned and maintained by English Heritage.



DALBY FOREST

Glacial valleys to the south create a unique 'rigg and dale' landscape, while the north of the forest sits on an upland plateau. The landscape offers a variety of different trails - whether you are looking for a gentle stroll, challenging bike ride or active run - all amid breath taking scenery.

Dalby Forest is home to an abundance of internationally important wildlife species and is also a designated Dark Sky Discovery Site, where you can experience the magic of seeing the Milky Way with the naked eye.



FIELD WORK

The Centre provides an ideal base from which to carry out a range of field work activities. The Geography department at Driffield has previously used the area to carry out both A Level and GCSE fieldwork, including the investigation of water and carbon cycle processes, as well as the study of soil profiles, forest ecology and land use management. The Science department have also used the area to study the ecology of the area, including plant and animal species diversity and have used the centre as a base to also carry out a comparative study of the rocky shore ecology at the nearby coastline.

Other departments also make use of the centre for a wide range of uses, either during the school week, or on a weekend. Previously this has included things such as PE coursework completion and PEP preparation, an A Level Maths Mechanics study weekend and a reading retreat for the English department. If you feel that your students could benefit from a residential opportunity to enhance their learning experience, then Spiers Bank House provides an ideal facility



GET IN TOUCH

Spiers Bank House is a wonderful facility and is available to serve the community.

If, as a company or organisation in Drifffield, you would like to help with the development of Spiers Bank House (through sponsorship or donations) or if you are interested in the hire of the facility, please contact Mrs J Worthington at the email below.



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